

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
3 MIDLAND-ODESSA DIVISION

3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ) Docket No. MO 21-CR-187(6) DC  
4 )  
4 vs. ) Midland, Texas  
5 )  
5 ASHLEY BENSON ) August 11, 2021

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7 TRANSCRIPT OF REARRAIGNMENT/PLEA  
8 BEFORE THE HONORABLE RONALD C. GRIFFIN

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2 THE CLERK: Court calls: Midland 21-CR-187,  
3 United States of America vs. Ashley Benson.

4 MR. FEDOCK: John Fedock on behalf of the United  
5 States.

6 MR. GARCIA: Good morning, your Honor.

7 Bob Garcia on behalf of Ms. Benson. We're  
8 present and ready.

9 THE COURT: All right. Good morning, everyone.  
10 Good morning, Ms. Benson.

11 THE DEFENDANT: Good morning.

12 THE COURT: Can you hear me okay?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: Okay. So, Ms. Benson, if you'll  
15 raise your right hand, they're going to get you sworn in  
16 here, this courtroom deputy is, and then, we'll get  
17 started on your guilty plea, okay?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Yes, sir.

19 THE CLERK: Do you solemnly swear that the  
20 statements which you may give in this case now before the  
21 Court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but  
22 the truth, so help you God?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

24 THE COURT: You can put your hand down.

25 Ms. Benson, is your true and correct name Ashley

1 Benson?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Let me pull this up and make sure I'm  
4 on the right -- there we go. Okay. All right. There you  
5 are. All right.

6 And, Mr. Garcia, do you believe that Ms. Benson  
7 is competent to enter a guilty plea this morning?

8 MR. GARCIA: I do, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Fedock, does the government have  
10 any information regarding Ms. Benson's competency?

11 MR. FEDOCK: No, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

13 Ms. Benson, do you have any sort of a condition  
14 or take any medication that might affect your ability to  
15 understand what we're doing today?

16 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

17 THE COURT: Okay. So what I'm going to do this  
18 morning, we're going to go over a number of things. I'm  
19 going to talk to you about the indictment and the charge  
20 that you're pleading guilty to. First, I'm going to talk  
21 to you about the plea paperwork we've got up here. I'm  
22 going to talk to you about parts of it. And then, we'll  
23 talk about the charge. We'll go over any issues with  
24 that. We'll talk about that. Then I'm going to go over  
25 some rights you have, and some rights you're going to give

1 up, by pleading guilty. There's going to be some more  
2 rights you're giving up, as well, because of the plea  
3 paperwork, and we'll talk about all that.

4 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: We're going to go over the statutory  
6 penalty that goes along with the charge. I want you to  
7 understand from a statutory perspective what it is. We'll  
8 talk about how the sentencing guidelines work. And there  
9 will be some other things we go over, okay?

10 In at any point you don't understand something,  
11 or you need me to clarify something, let me know so I'll  
12 know that I need to do it, and that way, I can reword or  
13 rephrase it, okay?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: If you need to talk to Mr. Garcia  
16 about anything, you just have to let me know, and that way  
17 I can stop the proceeding, I'll turn off the microphone  
18 and I'll let you talk to him as many times as you need,  
19 okay?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: You need to speak up for me, too,  
22 okay?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: For two reasons. One, I can't hear  
25 very well, and then, number two, it helps me get a good

1 record on the recording for you. This is all being  
2 digitally recorded, so I'll need to make sure we've got a  
3 good recording for you, okay?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: All right. You're under oath, so if  
6 you say -- you need to be truthful, okay? If you tell me  
7 something that's not true, you could be prosecuted for a  
8 separate crime of perjury.

9 Do you understand?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: You're entering a guilty plea to a  
12 felony -- let me see, you're just in one count. Is that  
13 right? No. You're in Count -- so what is this -- are you  
14 pleading to Count 1 or Count 1 and 5?

15 What's the deal with the agreement, Mr. Garcia?

16 MR. GARCIA: Your Honor, we're pleading to -- the  
17 plea agreement sets out a plea to both counts.

18 THE COURT: Both counts? Okay. Here we go. All  
19 right. So it's going to be Count 1. And I'm saying this  
20 for my benefit so in a minute, whenever I take your plea,  
21 I remember to say both counts and so my law clerk hears  
22 it, back there in his office, because he's typing up the  
23 plea recommendation that I have to do.

24 So you're charged in Count 1 and Count.

25 MR. GARCIA: Five.

1           THE COURT: Six. Five? Five. Count 5. You're  
2 Defendant No. 6. So Count 1 and Count 5.

3           All right. So both of those are felonies, and  
4 because of that, you have a right to have a United States  
5 District Judge take your guilty plea. I'm a United States  
6 Magistrate Judge. I can take your guilty plea if you  
7 consent to it. I'm not going to sentence you. You're  
8 going to be sentenced by the district judge, but I can  
9 take your plea.

10          Do you understand that?

11          THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

12          THE COURT: You signed a form, a consent form for  
13 me to take your plea, correct?

14          THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15          THE COURT: Do you want me to take your guilty  
16 plea?

17          THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18          THE COURT: Okay. The Court's going to accept  
19 that written Consent to the Administration of a Guilty  
20 Plea By a Magistrate Judge, and I'll take your plea.

21          Ms. Benson, have you had sufficient time -- I  
22 know you retained Mr. Garcia. Have you had sufficient  
23 time to go over with him your case, these two charges  
24 you're facing in the indictment, what all's involved as  
25 far as the elements of the offenses, if there are any

1 defenses? Have you had a chance to talk to him about  
2 those things?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Garcia, are you satisfied  
5 you've had sufficient time to fully discuss with Ms.  
6 Benson her case, including defenses?

7 MR. GARCIA: I have, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Any trouble communicating with Ms.  
9 Benson?

10 MR. GARCIA: No.

11 THE COURT: And do you believe that Ms. Benson  
12 possesses a factual as well as a rational understanding of  
13 the proceedings against her?

14 MR. GARCIA: I believe she does.

15 THE COURT: And she is has elected to proceed by  
16 way of a written plea agreement, correct?

17 MR. GARCIA: That is correct.

18 THE COURT: So all formal plea offers have been  
19 conveyed to Ms. Benson.

20 MR. GARCIA: Correct.

21 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Benson, are you  
22 satisfied with your lawyer, the representation you've  
23 received from your lawyer?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Good. Let's talk about this

1 plea paperwork for one second. So there's two sets of  
2 documents here. Collectively, this is the plea paperwork.  
3 There's a plea agreement and there's a sealed addendum.  
4 It looks like you've signed off on both sets of documents  
5 as well as your lawyer and the government's lawyer,  
6 correct?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT: Did you have a chance to review this  
9 paperwork with Mr. Garcia?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: Did you read this yourself, did Mr.  
12 Garcia read it to you, or was it a little bit of both?

13 THE DEFENDANT: A little bit of both, sir.

14 THE COURT: Okay. That's usually the way it  
15 works, a little bit of both.

16 So were you able to ask questions about these  
17 documents?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: Did Mr. Garcia answer those questions  
20 to your satisfaction?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: All right. Are you satisfied -- I  
23 know you're not going to remember every word in here.

24 THE DEFENDANT: Uh-huh.

25 THE COURT: Or every sentence or every paragraph,

1 but do you have a pretty good understanding of what is  
2 contained in the paperwork?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Do you agree with those terms?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Very good. I'm going to come  
7 back and talk to you about some of that in just a minute.  
8 A little bit later.

9 You are charged by way of an indictment. We were  
10 just talking about that. You're charged in two counts,  
11 Count 1 and Count 5 of the indictment.

12 Have you seen the indictment at some point, Ms.  
13 Benson?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: Okay. What I'm going to do now is,  
16 I'm going to go over those charges with you. I'm going to  
17 skip -- I'm not going to go through Counts 2, 3, 4 because  
18 you're not in those and you're not pleading guilty to  
19 those. I'm just going to go over Count 1 and Count 5 with  
20 you, okay? Do you understand?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: All right. In Count 1, the grand  
23 jury charges -- this indictment was returned on June 23rd,  
24 2021.

25 In Count 1, the grand jury charges that beginning

1 on or about June 1st, 2020, and continuing until June 2nd,  
2 2021, in the Western District of Texas, and elsewhere the  
3 defendants, and then, they're listed there, Dustin Lee  
4 Harris, Steven Robert Westfall, Timothy Galen Tolbert,  
5 Brandon Shane Wooten, Robert Dillion Kennedy, Ashley  
6 Benson, and Ruben Cuellar, did combine, conspire,  
7 confederate, and agree with each other, and with others  
8 known and unknown, to possess with intent to distribute  
9 and distribute a controlled substance, which offense  
10 involved 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine,  
11 contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections  
12 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), in violation of Title 21,  
13 United States Code, Section 846.

14 Do you understand that charge?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Then in Count 5 -- I'm going to skip  
17 2, 3 and 4.

18 In Count 5, the grand jury charges that on or  
19 about May 6th, 2021, in the Western District of Texas, the  
20 Defendants Ashley Benson and Ruben Cuellar knowing -- did  
21 knowingly possess a firearm, to-wit: a Ruger LCP,  
22 semiautomatic pistol, in furtherance of the  
23 drug-trafficking crime charged in Count 1 in this  
24 indictment, realleged herein, in violation of Title 18,  
25 United States Code, Section 924(c)(1).

1 Do you understand that charge?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Okay. And then, there's also a  
4 provision in the indictment, a forfeiture provision.  
5 Under the applicable statutes and Rules of Criminal  
6 Procedure, the government is setting forth its intent for  
7 forfeiture of certain property. It's specifically looking  
8 at -- it's any property constituting, or derived from, the  
9 proceeds, directly or indirectly, from the violation of  
10 law, and any property used, or intended to be used, in any  
11 manner or part, to commit or facilitate the commission of  
12 the violation. And it's specifically talking about this  
13 weapon or any weapons or any ammunition in the statute.  
14 Of course, I think that the statute also has other weapons  
15 on other counts.

16 So that forfeiture, to the extent it's applicable  
17 to you, would be for those things.

18 Do you understand that?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: Okay. Is there something, Mr.  
21 Fedock, you want to bring up?

22 MR. FEDOCK: Yes, your Honor.

23 In the plea agreement, on page 2 in the table  
24 laying out the penalty range, it mentions that forfeiture  
25 as set forth in the forfeiture section below, and that's

1 actually a typo for her. That applies to a different  
2 defendant. But in her case, the forfeiture doesn't apply.

3 THE COURT: There's no forfeiture?

4 MR. FEDOCK: No. Correct.

5 THE COURT: So you don't want the gun?

6 MR. FEDOCK: No. I talked to Monica and she said  
7 that they were only forfeiting on one of the other  
8 defendants.

9 THE COURT: Okay. So -- okay. Is there a  
10 forfeiture provision in the plea agreement?

11 MR. GARCIA: No, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: There's not? Okay.

13 Do you understand those charges in the  
14 indictment, Ms. Benson?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Okay. You have a right to plead not  
17 guilty to those two charges in that indictment and demand  
18 a trial.

19 Do you understand you have that right?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Knowing you have that right,  
22 is it still your desire to plead guilty to the charge this  
23 morning -- the charges this morning? You want to plead  
24 guilty?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

1           THE COURT:   Okay.   What I'm saying is, you  
2 understand you have a right to plead not guilty and demand  
3 a trial.

4           THE DEFENDANT:   Yes.

5           THE COURT:   Knowing you have that right, you  
6 still want to plead guilty.

7           THE DEFENDANT:   Yes, sir.

8           THE COURT:   Okay.   Are you a citizen of the  
9 United States?

10          THE DEFENDANT:   Yes, sir.

11          THE COURT:   Under the Constitution and laws of  
12 the United States, you have a right to a trial by jury and  
13 the assistance of an attorney at that trial and every  
14 other stage of the proceeding against you.   At the trial,  
15 you would have a right to confront and cross-examine the  
16 government's witnesses.   You have a right to compel the  
17 attendance of your own witnesses.   You have a right to  
18 present evidence on your own behalf.

19                 You're presumed to be innocent.   The government  
20 is required to prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt  
21 before you could be found guilty.   You have a right to  
22 testify.   If you wanted to take the witness stand and  
23 testify, you could do that, but no one can compel you or  
24 make you testify.   And if you choose not to testify, that  
25 fact cannot be used against you.

1           Do you understand these rights, Ms. Benson?

2           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3           THE COURT: If you plead guilty this morning,  
4 you're going to give up those rights, except for the right  
5 to counsel. Now, you've got retained counsel. You're  
6 going to have a lawyer represent you here on out  
7 throughout the remainder of your case, which is going to  
8 be a sentencing after today. And even if it has to be  
9 court-appointed counsel, you will have counsel that  
10 represents you throughout the remainder of your  
11 proceedings.

12           However, you will give up the trial and the  
13 rights associated to that charge trial that I just went  
14 over with you.

15           Do you understand?

16           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

17           THE COURT: Okay. Do you agree to give up those  
18 rights in order to plead guilty to the charge we've gone  
19 over?

20           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21           THE COURT: And are you pleading guilty because  
22 you are guilty and for no other reason?

23           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

24           THE COURT: Okay. This is the statutory penalty  
25 range you face for the charge that you plea -- you're

1 pleading guilty to.

2           On Count 1, you face a mandatory minimum of 10  
3 years in prison, up to life in prison. You face a  
4 mandatory minimum -- this is all by statute -- of five  
5 years of supervised release, up to life of supervised  
6 release, a fine not to exceed \$10 million, and \$100  
7 special assessment.

8           Do you understand that range of punishment on  
9 Count 1?

10           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11           THE COURT: On Count 5, this is a typo, too, in  
12 your plea agreement. It says Count 2. It should be Count  
13 5.

14           Count 5, you face a mandatory minimum of five  
15 years in prison, up to life in prison, a term of  
16 supervised release not to exceed five years, a fine not to  
17 exceed \$250,000, and \$100 special assessment.

18           Do you understand that range of punishment for  
19 Count 5?

20           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21           THE COURT: These sentences will run  
22 consecutively, okay? By law, they're going to be stacked.  
23 The district judge doesn't have any discretion here. He's  
24 going to stack these sentences. So whatever sentence you  
25 receive in Count 1 will be served, then you will serve the

1 sentence that you receive in Count 2.

2 Do you understand?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Okay. And I made that correction on  
5 this original.

6 MR. GARCIA: Thank you, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Plea paperwork. All right.

8 So, Ms. Benson, the district judge, Judge Counts,  
9 is going to impose a sentence after considering guidelines  
10 established by the United States Sentencing Commission. A  
11 range of punishment will be determined considering such  
12 things as the nature and circumstances of the offense,  
13 your conduct in this case, and any criminal history you  
14 might have.

15 Sentencing guidelines, they're advisory only on  
16 the district judge, okay? He can use them and sentence  
17 you within those guidelines, but he doesn't have to. If  
18 Judge Counts wanted to, he's the district judge, he could  
19 sentence you to any reasonable term so long and it falls  
20 within that statutory range I just went over in your case.

21 Do you understand?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Garcia and perhaps other  
24 people have talked to you about the guidelines, how they  
25 work.

1           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

2           THE COURT: Might have even talked to you about  
3 those factors, and then, even given you some rough  
4 estimates on where you're going to fall in the guidelines,  
5 and then, some sentence ranges you're looking at, and  
6 that's all fine if Mr. Garcia or anybody is doing that.  
7 That's fine as long as you take it for what it is and that  
8 is opinions, or estimates, predictions.

9           Judge Counts is ultimately going to decide your  
10 sentence, and he'll do that after he considers everything.  
11 The sentence he comes up with may be in line with what  
12 your lawyer's thinking, but it may not be either. It may  
13 be higher, or it may be lower, or it may be exactly what  
14 they're thinking, but it will be independent.

15           Do you understand?

16           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

17           THE COURT: Okay. There's -- as part of your  
18 plea agreement, you're giving up the right to appeal your  
19 sentence and conviction as well as the right to challenge  
20 your sentence in any postconviction proceedings, except in  
21 some limited circumstances that are set out in this plea  
22 paperwork.

23           Do you understand?

24           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

25           THE COURT: Do you agree to give up that right to

1 appeal and the right to contest your conviction and  
2 sentence as it's set out there in the plea paperwork?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Okay. There's no parole in federal  
5 court. Any term of imprisonment you receive, that's the  
6 time you serve less any good-time credit you might get  
7 from the Bureau of Prisons.

8 Do you understand?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: And you face a term of supervised  
11 release on these charges that you're pleading guilty to.  
12 The way that works is, you don't serve supervised release  
13 until after you complete a prison term. While you're on  
14 supervised release, there will be conditions you have to  
15 follow. If you violate those conditions or you don't  
16 follow those conditions, that supervised release could be  
17 revoked. If it's revoked, you're looking at going back  
18 and serving some more time in prison.

19 Do you understand?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: Okay. And although the government  
22 has indicated they are not seeking any forfeiture from you  
23 in this case, the indictment provides that -- and I'm  
24 telling you that it alleges that you have an interest in  
25 property, again, talking about the pistol, I think.

1           But to the extent there's any property that's  
2 subject to the forfeiture, do you understand that if the  
3 judge sentences you and orders forfeiture, that will be  
4 part of your sentence? You understand.

5           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6           THE COURT: Okay. Are you pleading guilty  
7 freely, voluntarily, and with full knowledge of the  
8 consequences?

9           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

10          THE COURT: Anybody threatened you, forced you,  
11 or coerced you to plead guilty?

12          THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

13          THE COURT: Other than this plea paperwork we've  
14 talked about, has anybody made any other promises to you,  
15 specific promises about sentences, guidelines, or anything  
16 else that's causing you to plead guilty?

17          THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

18          THE COURT: As part of your plea agreement, the  
19 government may either recommend or not oppose the maximum  
20 allowable reduction under the sentencing guidelines for  
21 acceptance of responsibility. Please keep in mind that  
22 the district judge is not bound to accept any such  
23 recommendation. He does not adopt this part of your plea  
24 agreement or does not sentence you within the applicable  
25 guideline range, you will not have the right to withdraw

1 your guilty plea.

2 Do you understand?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Give me one second to look at this.  
5 There's a -- there's a written factual basis that starts  
6 on page 3 of your plea paperwork and it goes over -- it's  
7 a long factual basis. It goes over onto page 8.

8 Do you recall going over this factual basis with  
9 Mr. Garcia when you reviewed your plea paperwork?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: Are the facts set out in this written  
12 factual basis, are they accurate, true and correct as far  
13 as they apply to you?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: And these facts accurately describe  
16 your conduct in the case?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: And these are the facts you're  
19 pleading guilty to today.

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Garcia, would you like to waive  
22 the formal reading of that?

23 MR. GARCIA: We'll waive the formal reading, your  
24 Honor.

25 THE COURT: Thank you very much. The Court will

1 waive the reading of that.

2 Ms. Benson, do you have any questions for me or  
3 for Mr. Garcia, your lawyer, before I take your plea?

4 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

5 THE COURT: Ms. Benson, how do you plead to Count  
6 1 of your indictment, guilty or not guilty?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.

8 THE COURT: How do you plead to Count 5 of your  
9 indictment, guilty or not guilty?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.

11 THE COURT: All right, ma'am. The Court does  
12 find that you are competent to stand trial. The Court  
13 finds that you fully understand the nature of the charge  
14 and the penalties. The Court finds you understand your  
15 constitutional and statutory rights, you desire to waive  
16 them. The Court does find your plea is freely, knowingly  
17 and voluntarily made. And the Court does find there's a  
18 factual basis to support your plea.

19 I'll make a recommendation to the district judge  
20 that he accept your guilty plea, he accept your plea  
21 agreement, he enter a judgment of guilt against you.

22 Your case is going to be referred over to the  
23 probation office now. This officer here at the table, the  
24 probation officer, she's got some paperwork you're going  
25 to sign before you go back upstairs. The probation office

1 is going to prepare a report. It's called a presentence  
2 report, or a PSR. Once it's prepared, Mr. Garcia will get  
3 a copy of that. He'll go over it with you. If he needs  
4 to file any objections or anything on your behalf, he'll  
5 do that. He won't know until he gets the report.

6           You're going to be set for a sentencing. It's  
7 going to be originally or initially set in November.  
8 You're going to get -- look for a November setting on your  
9 sentencing. It will happen upstairs on the third floor.  
10 There's a courtroom up there and Judge Counts will preside  
11 over that sentencing. He'll hear from Mr. Garcia, he'll  
12 allow you to address the Court. He's going to hear from  
13 the government's lawyer, and then, he's going to pronounce  
14 sentence, okay? You understand how that works?

15           THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

16           THE COURT: Anything, Mr. Fedock?

17           MR. FEDOCK: Nothing further, your Honor.

18           THE COURT: Mr. Garcia?

19           MR. GARCIA: No, your Honor.

20           THE COURT: All right. Ms. Benson, I wish you  
21 the best. You're remanded to the custody of the United  
22 States Marshals. Thank you, ma'am.

23           THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.

24           (Proceedings conclude at 10:26 a.m.)

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